

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**MARK DAYTON**

**GOVERNOR**

### **Emergency Executive Order 16-08**

#### **Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota**

**I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

**Whereas**, beginning on September 21, 2016, deluge rains fell over significant portions of southern Minnesota, causing widespread flooding and resulting in extensive damage to public infrastructure and private property;

**Whereas**, the resources of local, county, and state governments are being fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of persons in the affected areas, and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage;

**Whereas**, the affected counties' emergency operations plans are activated, cities and counties have declared local emergencies, and local jurisdictions are requesting state assistances and resources; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management activated the State Emergency Operations Center and implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, and state agencies are providing assistance to local government.

**Now, Therefore**, I hereby order that:

1. A state of peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2015, section 12.31 exists in the counties of Anoka, Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Le Sueur, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, and Winona.

2. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management continue coordinating the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local governments, and determine the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
3. All state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Peacetime Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the State Register as soon as possible after its issuance. This Peacetime Emergency Executive Order can be extended by the Executive Council or the Legislature in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I have set my hand on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.



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**Mark Dayton**  
Governor

Filed According to Law



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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

